

Great News for Women!

## News of Our January Clearance Sale of Women's Wears which Begins Tuesday, December 28th.

**We believe most women know just what this sale means.** It is our semi-annual clearance, and offers the remainder of many well chosen lines of women's wears at tempting reductions. There are no old goods in the sale. Our specialized merchandising has to do with new fresh stocks only, with constantly renewed lines of the best things to wear, not found in the ordinary store.

In place of Sensational tales of value we give you plain tales of fact backed up by the goods themselves. Whatever is in our advertising is in our store, and rather than over-state values, we prefer to under-state them.

**January White Sale begins Tuesday, Dec. 28th.** A sale planned for every woman, and presenting a great snowfall of fresh new undermuslins and white wears, including much that is moderately priced, and an abundance of the finer things, all piled up on the first floor section. This sale includes Gowns, Combinations, Drawers, Petticoats, Corsets, Brassieres, Waists, Kimonas, Handkerchiefs, House Dresses, Children's Dresses, Aprons.

### Women's Suits

The suit section is doubly attractive now that prices have been so sharply reduced. The season's best-like styles are to be had for much less and even the finest suits are within reach of the modest purses.

Just a few of the many opportunities for saving:  
Clearance time finds us with many smart plainly tailored suits and handsome fur trimmed suits, all nicely lined and warmly interlined, and made of the most desirable fabrics—serge, poplin and few of broadcloth. Good choosing of colors—we have plenty of navy and black, to sell at **January clearance price, \$14.75.**

**\$18.50 and \$20 Suits at \$12.75**

Here's an odd lot of finely tailored suits in very good styles, but not fur trimmed, marked at a hurry-away price, **\$12.75.**

### Rich Suits, \$18.75

This offering will attract women who want fine broadcloth suits richly trimmed with fur at a moderate price. The jackets of these suits are lined with silk and warmly interlined. The skirts are comfortable width and in pretty styles. Choice of all the best colors and a good range of sizes as the sale starts. **January clearance price, \$14.75.**

### Out Go the Coats

What a wonderful coat season we have had! And now all of our warm smartly styled coats, all so practical and worthy, are to take "French leave" at most tempting reductions:

Substantial coats of wide-wale chevrons of fine quality, full silk lined and with fashionable fur trimmed collars. Misses and women's sizes in front belted models, navy and black, **January clearance price, \$14.75.**

Corduroy coats in the much-wanted two-tone effects, stylish fur collars, and wide all-round belts, **January clearance price, \$14.75.**

Misses' coats, sturdy and warm, of navy, green and brown boucle, effective collar and back belt of black plush, **January clearance price, \$9.75.**

### Girls' Coats

Good practical coats for girls in plain colors and mixtures, priced regularly \$7 to \$8.50, **January clearance price, \$4.75.**

Girls' corduroy coats in smart girlish belted models. **January clearance price, \$9.75.**

### Rain Coats

An opportunity to get a good serviceable rain coat in tan, gray or blue in back-belted styles with convertible collars. Coats of excellent quality. **January clearance price, \$4.80.**

Women who like fancy mixture rain coats will be glad to buy handsome coats of standard quality at the **January clearance price, \$5.90.**

### Sale of Skirts

With three months of winter ahead this skirt offering is most timely. Dressy skirts of broadcloth, navy and black, two inserted pockets, piped with velvet, in all lengths, **January clearance price, \$3.95.**

### Clearaway of Dresses

The dress season really begins when coats and furs are donned, so lowered prices on our pretty dresses are doubly attractive at this time.

Practical serge dresses of navy, brown, green and black, with collars of Roman striped silk, for house or street wear, **January clearance price, \$6.50.**

Some women are going to buy these dresses, tastily trimmed with silk sleeves, **January clearance price, \$10.90.**

Attractive dancing frocks in light colors, only one of a kind, that have been \$15 or \$18, will go quickly at **January clearance price, \$9.75.**

Other strikingly handsome dancing frocks that have been very much higher, are to be snapped up at **\$19.75.**

Rich afternoon gowns of charmeuse and other silks in many beautiful styles, real elegance at a merely nominal price—**January clearance price, \$19.75.**

### Furs and Fur Coats

Women who have waited to buy their furs profit by waiting. Choice of our specially selected fur pieces and rich fur coats may now be made with full assurance of obtaining high quality at definite reductions.

### MEN'S SHOP

**Special for Men—Suits and Overcoats at \$15.00**  
**Worth very much more.** This is a demonstration of Meigs & Co. value that men are not likely to forget. Suits from higher priced lines—Overcoats that were more—one or two of a kind—go into this history-making group of high grade garments to be sold at \$15.  
You will recognize the season's most attractive styles in this offering.

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OUTFITTERS TO MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN  
Bridgeport, Conn.

Many of the pot-hunters welcome the close of the open game season, at which time hunting begins to be profitable.

Mrs. Galt promised to "obey," but perhaps Mr. Wilson will diplomatically inquire in advance what commands will mean with her approval.

It is not quite as safe for the unemployed to complain about the lack of work as it was a year ago at the same period.

In founding a new college a lecture hall used to be the first thing put up, but now it should be the last.

Father may be out of the trenches now as far as Christmas bills go, but he must soon take refuge there from the January 1 statements.

The boy who used to be pleased with an express wagon for Christmas gift now looks for an automobile and wants to select the make at that.

## PRESIDENT GOES AUTOING IN SNOW AT HOT SPRINGS

White House Car Tolls Hot Springs Roads for an Hour and a Half.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 27.—Snow fell here all night Saturday night, covering the ground to a depth of more than a foot. This did not keep President Wilson and his bride from having their daily automobile ride, however. It was slow and difficult traveling, but for an hour and a half the White House car tolled winding roads, while its passengers enjoyed the wonderful winter scene and the sharp, invigorating air.

The President's stenographers who went to Washington for Christmas, returned, bringing a great package of letters and messages from the White House. It was said that none of the communications concerned business of great importance.

Last night there was a meeting in the hotel, held under the auspices of the Marquis and Marchioness of Aberdeen, and addressed by Mrs. Seth Barton French, recently returned from her Red Cross work in France. The President and Mrs. Wilson declined invitations to attend. The President will celebrate his fifty-ninth birthday Tuesday. He will be surprised at dinner at a great birthday cake bearing fifty candles, which the hotel management today ordered the chef to prepare.

Officers of the Volunteer Fire Department here, having heard of the President's election as an honorary member of the Pass Christian, Miss. department two years ago, have invited him to attend a celebration at the firehouse on Tuesday and add another honorary membership to his list. Wilson won his place in the Pass Christian organization by aiding in putting out a fire.

Congress will be urged by the President to concentrate its attention upon the Administration's national defense program immediately after the Christmas holidays.

It was learned here last night that while the President has no desire to see the preparation plans rushed and debate, he is most anxious to have the Army and Navy bills disposed of as promptly as possible.

He not only believes it is essential to put the War and Navy department in a position to begin work on their new programme without delay, but wants the Congressional calendars cleared for general legislation later in the winter.

## PUBLIC OPINION

### REPLYING TO "FAIR PLAY."

To the Editor of The Farmer, Sir: Webster's definition of neutrality is theoretical; and a moral impossibility. We are indifferent to atrocities committed under the guise of "military necessities." To the deliberate murder of American citizens upon the high seas, studied insults to our country and persistent foreign interference with our domestic affairs. Let "Fair Play" thank his stars that our legal neutrality still exists.

There was no fair play in Germany studiously and secretly preparing for war for many years and talking peace and violating a solemn treaty that brought England into this war. We do want the war to end, and we hope that it will end most speedily by Germany being crushed and militarism ended forever. To be at all consistent why do not you Germans and pro-Germans who are employed in our munition establishments, cease work and go fight for your dear Germany? One reason is of course you cannot very well get there now, for Germany could not protect your transportation abroad any more than she can import ammunition that we make. And Germany owns tons of copper in this country that she cannot take away—proof that we are legally neutral.

Now a word of warning to alleged "Fair Play":

Americans are tired of this foreign criticism, all on one side. The sentiment against it is drawing one American closer to another in brotherhood. Our eyes are open now to the fact that foreigners care nothing for us as a rule, except to exploit us and then eventually return to their place of birth. Thousands of Germans we trusted and liked have shown us beyond question they are loyal to Germany, not America. They long for German supremacy and military rule. But they are doomed to disappointment. We are now about ready to take good care of ourselves against any foreign power. We have the brains, the money, and the resources to fight a winning battle. But we want peace. Yes, "Peace, if we have to fight for it." This American sentiment has already crystallized into "American first." Later it may be followed by "America for America." Signs point that way now. And the first thing some of your foreigners know you will be hitting the trail out of this country. If you don't like our style, better leave peaceably while you have the chance, or put up with what we, not you, deem proper in the conduct of our affairs, and keep your mouths shut for your own good.

AN AMERICAN VOICE FROM THE WEST.

### Nothnagle's Sale.

Nothnagle's great sale of home furnishings starts today with wonderful bargains in every department. Hundreds of discriminating buyers will take advantage of the low prices. Read particulars of this yearly unparalleled sale in advertisement on last page. This year's sale will be bigger and better than ever. Every inch of floor space in both the big Main street store and Stratford avenue storehouse is crowded with tempting pieces of every description and all will go at about cost prices. Christmas money can be spent to best advantage right now in any one of the several departments of this great store. New residents in Bridgeport and young people about to furnish a home will be impressed with the large saving they make by taking advantage of this opportunity. It is worth your while to investigate. Entrance to store 1149 Main street, corner of Elm.—Adv.

One hundred of the poorest boys and girls of Boston were guests at a Christmas party on board the battleship Nebraska.

XMAS ROPING AND WREATHS OF LAUREL  
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## WILDEST STORM TAKES 8 LIVES IN N. Y. CITY

New York, Dec. 27.—Northern and eastern New York and New England are slowly recovering today from the damage inflicted from yesterday's storm. A succession of rain, snow, lightning, sleet and thunder winding up with a gale that tore down wires and trees, unroofed houses and drove shipping ashore caused widespread damage and many deaths and accidents.

Telegraphic communication in some sections was still interrupted today because of the levelling of telegraph poles by the high wind. In a similar manner the signal systems of railroad running north and northeast from New York were crippled and trains were not able to maintain their schedules.

New England suffered more severely than New York city and reports from there told of severe damage to buildings and vessels caught in the path of the gale. The snow-fall, except in northern New England and northern New York, was comparatively light but sufficient to interrupt suburban street car service.

Eight deaths in this city were directly attributed to the storm. The wind here at one time attained a velocity of 90 miles an hour.

## OUR NEWTOWN NEWS LETTER

(Special to The Farmer.)

Newtown, Dec. 27.—Among the Newtown students in out-of-town institutions of learning spend the holidays with the home folks are noted: Leonard Wright from the Massachusetts Polytechnic Institute, Worcester; John Lynch, from the University school, Bridgeport; Miss Marion Curtis, New Haven School of Music; Samuel Beers, from the Mass. Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Mass.; Miss Edith Northrop, State Training School for Nurses, New Haven; Russell Wheeler, from the Mass. Agricultural school; Edward M. Carmody, teacher in the Hartford Business college courses; Frederick Hubbell, from the Mass. Agricultural school; and Frank Johnson and George Ferris, from Trinity college, Hartford. A dance will be held for the benefit of the Saddy Hook Library at the Newtown Inn, Friday evening, Dec. 31, to which the people of both villages are invited.

The Misses Mary and Helen Kilbride of Suffield, Conn., Miss Catherine Lester of Easton and Miss Helen Keane, teacher in the graded school of Washington, Conn., are some of the Newtown teachers who are spending the holidays at their homes in town.

Many Newtown relatives of ex-Allderman Michael F. Keane of Danbury are attending his funeral in that city today.

The first social meeting this season of the parishioners of St. John's church will be held at 8 o'clock this evening at Glover's hall. An entertainment and refreshments will be provided, and all friends of the parish are included in the invitation to be present.

The estate of the late William J. Beecher was admitted to probate Dec. 22 by acting Judge Howard Woodman of Bethel. Florence G. Beecher is the administrator and J. Robert Beecher, attorney for the estate. Judge Beecher did not make a will.

The Misses Margaret and Rose Collins of New York are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Altematt for the holidays.

Mrs. Adam Chervanansky spent Christmas in Bridgeport.

Constable C. B. Johnson has subpoenaed Dr. W. H. Kiernan, M. A. Corbett and Frank Kirby as witnesses in the Lynch will hearing in the probate court, Tuesday.

Miss Irene Corbett of Bridgeport spent the holidays with her parents in Queen street.

Miss Winnifred Paetsch and Mrs. Mary McNamara have accepted positions with the Harris Wire Co. in San Francisco.

All subscribers to The Farmer who desire the paper for the winter months by R. F. D. carrier may have the change made by applying to James D. Corbett.

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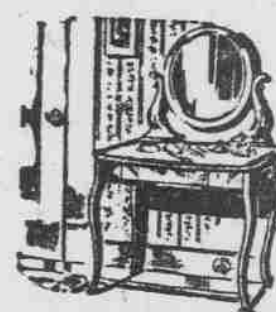
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